

**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Didier RAOULT et al.

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**DECLARATION OF MICROORGANISM DEPOSIT  
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